CITIZENS TELL HOW THE POLICE FORCE CAN BE REFORMED

Prominent New Yorkers Give The Evening World Their Views as to Best Way of Ending Corruption and Throttling the "System"

WOULD INCREASE POWER OF THE COMMISSIONER.

Men Who Have Studied the Evils Honeycombing the Present Force Join in an Immense Movement to Bring About a Better State of Affairs.

How is the Police Department to be reformed?

How is the "System," the basis of all police corruption, the strength and protection of every dishonest official in the department, to be broken down? How is the start to be made?

The Evening World has collected the views of prominent citizens on this subject, which is now engaging the united attention of nearly every civic organization in the city. At the big meeting in the Chamber of Commerce yesterday the evils of present police conditions were extensively dwelt upon, but few speakers touched on the most important feature of allhow the desired result is to be attained.

Among the men interviewed by Evening World reporters are former commissioners of police and citizens who have made police corruption a study for years and been unceasing in their efforts for the department's uplift under all administrations. There is much of earnest thought and substantial suggestion in their views, which follow.

The consensus is that the term of the Police Commissioner should be made longer, that legislation should be secured to take the power of review of police cases away from the courts so that bad men can be forced from the department and kept out, and that the powers of the Police Commissioner should be largely increased. It is also the opinion of almost every student of police conditions that a member of the uniformed force, competent and honest, if one such can be found, should be the head of the department under the Commissioner, so that the latter can get his advice on matters of strict police administration from one who knows the ropes, and not have to go, as he does now, to men in whom neither he nor anybody else has the slightest confidence.

GEORGE L. RIVES BLAMES COURTS.

Their Power to Put Back Men Who Have Been Removed an Unqualified Evil. George L. Rives, Corporation Counsel

under Mayor Low: "The greatest evil that the Police Department has today is the power of the courts to put graft possible. In fevers of reform they men back who have been removed. I pass laws which put premiums on imhave no hesitation in stating that it is morality and which practically say to an unqualified evil.

put back by the courts, is a source of gambler; hold up the saloon-keeper." of no use to the city that employs him, the beginning, have been broken and taking." he is good for nothing as a policeman. which to the end of time will be vio-and he is a danger to the morals of lated. If it were possible to eliminate

this evil. It will be argued that it is unjust to the men, but better an injustice to one or two men than that the city should stagger longer under such conditions. We might occasionally do an injustice to some such high-minded and honorable man as Inspector Cross, but better that than let the courts constantly load up the force with men proved to be unfit."

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OPINION.-ADLER. Felix Adler: "We should proceed to focus public opinion on the police sit-

Joel B. Erhardt, former Police Commissioner and former Collector of the Port: "One of the great evils of the Police Department at the present time is the three-platoon system. No man under the regulations that now prevail can possibly do effective service to the city that pays him. Policemen must be ruled by fear, and nothing can be done as long as the man on the street is the real boss of the department as at present. Drastic measures are needed, even to the legislating out of office of the entire department. Years ago I predicted that the time would come when we would have to resort to some such measure. Furthermore, the Commissioner should have either permanent tenure or at least ten years. No great tharm could come of the permanent tenure so long as the Commissioner will change after a short tenure so long as the Commissioner could be removed on charges submitted to the Supreme Court of the Sate."

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"A friend once asked me how in the world such a provision allowing the courts to roview police cases ever got into the law. I told him it was an accident and it certainly was. Noah Davis in his 'Dissenting Opinions,' published in 1880, gave his views of this evil in a manner which is more eloquent than anything I could say, and our experience during the twenty-five years since certainly proves his every contention.

"It is the height of absurdity that a policeman should be forced back on the city which does not want him. Let him collect damages if he must but do not force the city to take him back in its service. Apply the principle to yourself and suppose you unjustly discharged your cook and the courts forced you to take her back, what kind of dinners would you be likely to get?

"We should have legislation to remove this evil. It will be argued that it is

focus public opinion on the police situation. After we have done that we should provide those in charge of the Police Department with the proper machinery and see that it is set in motion. If public opinion is solidified and thorroughly aroused it is bound to prevail."

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SCHIFF DOUBTS

CITIZENS' WORK.

Jacob Schiff, banker: "Experience has taught us that the work of committees of citizens is not permanent, Changes come and wipe out the good."

J. Noble Hayes: "We have laws enough. We do not need new laws, or a change in existing laws, but a change of the men who are enforcing the law. If we rid the deaprtment of bad men, grafting will end, and that will be the end of the so-called 'system.'" the entire department. Years ago I predicted that the time would come when we would have to resort to some such measure. Furthermore, the Commissioner should have either permanent tenure or at least ten years. No great harm could come of the permanent trenure so long as the Commissioner could be removed on charges submitted to the Supreme Court of the State."

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ties, and, if necessary, State legislators, with a view of raising the force to a higher moral plane and killing the system that is responsible for the graft and corruption.

"We must strike at the root of the evil to accomplish anything. What we want is permanent reform. The best way to this end is a co-operative plan and would use increased power wisely and well, ne might have a bad successor, who would use such power in

THE YEAR OF THE GREAT BLIZZARD. By T. E. Powers.



HERE WE ARE IN THE COLD, COLD SNOW-OUR HANDS IN OUR POCKETS EMPTY OF DOUGH.

RAINES AIMS A true. But nevertheless I believe in inoreasing the Commissioner's power. "The idea is to hold the man in authority responsible for the good or evil that he does. Applying this theory to the Police Department we should give the Commissioner ample power to drive out the crooks and correct existing evils. If he falls he is to blame, and it is clearly then the best step to put in his place an abler man." SHOT AT JEROME

Discussing the Excise Bribery NOT SO BAD AS IN THE OLD DAYS. Presentment, the Senator Places the Burden of Explanation on the District-Attorney

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, Jan. 31.-Republican Leader John Raines in the Senate to-day scored District-Attorney Jerome in connection with the excise bribery scandal. In LAWS, SAYS DIKE. Norman S. Dike, ex-Sheriff of Kings ment, made public a few weeks ago, McLaughlin, who was also ordered be-

END THE GRAFT,

CAREFUL STUDY

LAWS ENOUGH

TERM OF MAN AT

IS NEEDED.-FOX.

Austen G. Fox: "Conditions make it clear that something should be done, but it will take long and careful deliberation to determine just what should

be done to correct existing evils. For my part I am eagerly seeking sugges

tions. Among the many ideas which may be advanved by our thinking men there will syrely be one that will prove

NOW, SAYS HAYES.

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SLICER URGES.

raised by the liquor dealers of the State right met him in the hall and said: of New York and of the city of New York for the avowed purpose of advanc- | feeling?" ing bills in their interest that were be-Thomas R. Slicer, of the City fore the Legislature of the State, no-

Rev. Thomas R. Slicer, of the City Club: "It is the duty of every good citizen to follow this movement to put an end to the graft system' in the Police doing as well as he can but he hasn't five power to reach the root of the evil. Some years ago we reduced the number of commissioners from three to one. While we increased the responsibilities of the man placed in charge of the department, we did nothing to increase his power, and that is where we made our great mistake. Commissioner McAdoo, if given the power, would soon get all of the croks out of the way. We need bruhan.

Inspector Smith was the second man in. Before he went in he shook hands with everybody he met, giving them grips which disabused their minds of any idea they may have had that the linspector was not physically up to his officials of the State, which meant, as the names appear in that evidence, the Governor of the State, the Legislature of the Excise Department, when he have cleaned are all right. When we have cleaned the responsibilities of the Excise Department, when he have cleaned the responsibilities of the State and officials of the Excise Department, that no penny of that money was handled by any member of the tests. Alexander E. Orr. President of the Rapid Transit Commission: "It seems to me that, first of all, we must give the Police Commissioner a longer term of office. No man can get more than fairly under way in the brief time that a Commissioner serves nowadays. I have the city can be properly patrolled."

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enough legislation to give the laws money was handled by any member of the Legislature or of the Excise Department or by any official of the State of New York, except one, and that is the admitted evidence that a part of the city can be properly patrolled." that money-a very small amount, and possibly entirely legitimate in its expen-

> ty of New York." Aside from that, the only evidence which points to any one member of the turned it. Aside from that there is as the reason for abandoning the office. no mention derogatory to any Senator n this circle. There is no mention by

rome, the District-Attorney of the coun-

M'ADOO WOULD INSPECTORS ON BANISH CROOKS DOCTORS' RACK

Board of Police Surgeons Examine Five-Drahan, Smith, Cortright, Brooks and Kane-P. H. McLaughlin Resigns.

lice Headquanters, the physical examination of Inspectors Durham, Smith, Cortright, Brooks and Kane, ordered moving to refer the Grand Jury present- by Commissioner McAdoo. Inspector Norman S. Dike, ex-Sheriff of Kings County; "This movement for oleansing the Police Department will be far-reaching in its scope and I have no doubt that it will accomplish the object for which it is intended. The only chance for permanent reform in the department is by wiping out the old laws and making new ones that will prevent the courts from returning to the force men who are known to be discredited. As a lawyer this system seems to me the most ridiculous thing that I ever heard of. It is no wonder that when the courts return a crook to the force on some technicality, he thinks he is the biggest man on the force."

ment, made public a few weeks ago, to the Judiciary Committee, Senator Raines, Senator Rai

"Hello, young fellow, how are you

"Never felt better in my life," answered Druhan.

COLER QUITS CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

diture-went into the hand of Mr. Je- Resigns as President Owing to Pressure of Private Business Affairs.

Former Comptroller Coler in accord-Legislature is the allusion to one mem- ance with his statement of several per of the Assembly, mentioned by weeks ago, resigned to-day as Presi- to the Senate Committee on Indian name in the evidence, who is said to dent of the Civil Service Commission. have borrowed \$50 and to have re- He gives pressure of business affairs Several weeks ago Mr. Coler told The Evening World that he was going of the Legislature.

"There is a sort of a general mud throwing by four witnesses, and I do not hesitate to say that Mr. Jerome himself, if nut on the stand, would swear that he would not believe either one of them under oath."

to resign his office because his business sioner, the Seator said that he had been approached by a representative of a Catholic association with a promise of carrying a certain stated number of districts in California for him in return for his influence in bringing about a cotinuance of such favorable contracts. name derogatory to any Assemblyman to resign his office because his business

Commissioner to Submit Mayor His New Bill for Driving Vagrants and Vagabonds Out of the City.

his new vagabond law, which is to be to drive every professional crook out of New York, and that he will submit it made up largely of the present Vagrant law, with part of the Massachusetts Vagrant law incorporated. One pas-

Vagrant law incorporated. One passage reads:

"All idle persons with no visible means of support and with no lawful employment found wandering abroad, visiting tippling houses or found in sheds, barng or in the open air and not giving a good account of themselves are to be deemed vagrants. Also any known pickpocket, thief, burglar or any one known to have been convicted of a felony found prowling about any steamboat landing, relirond statio—bank or brokersge office or at any public gathering w" be deemed a vagrant."

The maximum penalty is six months at hard labor. There is also a section of the bill which says that any man found in a pool-room or known to be a pool-room liabitue will be fined \$5.

PresidentRoosevelt Brought Into

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Sensational PLAN TO REORGANIZE THE statements in relation to the alleged use of Indian trust funds for the support of sectarian schools were made to-day by Senator Bard in a statement Affairs.

In addition to the charge that Romes Catholic schools have received 98 per cent, of the money expended under contracts made by the Indian Commis-

THE RAD TOO SHORT.

Former Congressman Coombes: "By having new laws passed we might amelian the state of the country flow parts of the causes of the law will not reach the root of the causes of the law while the man are on the force for life. It is try much as it is in the navy. The Secretary of the Navy is handicapped by his lack of knowledge of the interest are large of the country of the causes of the lack of the other of the country flow of the causes of the lack of knowledge of the force for life. It is try much as it is in the navy. The Secretary of the Navy is handicapped by his lack of knowledge of the force for life. It is try much as it is in the navy is handicapped by his lack of knowledge of the force for life of the country is trained in the policeman from the temptations of the country is trained in the policeman from the temptations of the country is severed commission, was obstituted as the result of the country. As they should because they think that they with the commission of the country of the country is at the result of the country of the country of the Navy is conditionable to effect the force for life. It is try much as it is in the navy. The Secretary of the Navy is handicapped by his lack of knowledge of the force for life. It is try will be commissioned who understands the end of four years, when is beginned to force the policeman from the temptations of the country of the Navy is handicapped by his lack of knowledge of the force for life. It is expected the country of the Navy is handicapped by his lack of knowledge of the force for life. It is the policeman from the temptations of the country of the Navy is handicapped by his lack of knowledge of the force for life. It is expected that the policeman from the temptations of the country of the Navy is handicapped by his lack of knowledge of the force for life. It is expected that the policeman from the temptations of the transaction in a well as any other than the will be of the country of the force for life. It is the plan that the co

O'BRIEN'S ORDER: BATTLE OF WITS

Efforts of Detective Bureau Concentrated in Pursuit of Lone Highwayman Who Has Robbed Millionaires' Homes.

M'ADOO WILL NOT LISTEN TO ANY EXCUSE.

Residence Portions of the City Swarm with Sleuths, Who, Working on Own Account, Hope to Win \$1,000 Reward.

y The Evening World for the capture and conviction of the hold-up man who, with masked face and ready pistol, has terrorized the residence section of the city, dozens of detectives, both public and private, are to-day scurrying through the upper west-side section of the city. Acting Inspector Stephen O'Brien has taken personal command of the detectives from the Central Office who are in the bandit bunt,

Most of the staff of Central Headquarters have been assigned to duty through the fashionable resident portion of the city, and every some in the neighborhood where the hold-up man has operated is under watch. The acting Inspector has given orders that the robber be captured at all hazards. He has been instructed by Commissioner of Poice McAdoo that the man must be caught, and that no excuse will be ac-

the police as Bert Lambert, who was arrested at the home of William F. Day, No. 114 West Seventy-ninth street, on Sunday night, is still in the custody of the police, charged with being a suspicious person. This the police have done in spite of the fact that witnesses in the Woers, Dr. Talbot, Fleitmann and other hold-up cases failed to idea-

tity him.

The man in custody declares that he is from Bellhaven, Conn., and insists that he is a nephew of William McCourt, a wealthy iron merchant of this city. It is said that recently there have been a number of bold robberies in Bellhaven and the New York police want to investigate his story further before liberating him.

nament chairman of the Citizens' Committee, which has organized to fight police graft and corruption, is in Albany to-day. Upon his return he is expected to have the personnel of his committee of mine men. The men will get down to business at once. They will have the co-operation of Police Commissioner

GREENWICH, Conn., Jan. 31 .- Sheriff W. E. Ritch has returned from New York satisfied that the man held by the New York police, and who says he is Bert Lambert, is the man wanted here, and he expects to have evidence enough to bring him into Connecticut on requiskion if New York authorities will re-

He told the Sheriff that he had lived in and about New York for three years and never worked-only gambled. He ters to the Mayor at once. The bill is has lived in Larchmont, and spent three has lived in Larchmont, and spent three months last summer boarding in Greenwich, during which time he mingled with the sons of W. H. McCord, W. H. Day, Col. Robert C. McKinley, F. J. Froment and Francis S. Robbins, attending receptions and entertainments at the Bellhaven Casino with them.

It is believed, from his description, that he made use of the knowledge gained in the summer by calling at the residences of Mr. McCord, A. I. Mead and others and telling them of accidental happenings which caused him to need money, which was readily obtained. Later the same plan was worked successfully on Columbia College students in New York, and by a man of the same description.

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great importance to the Act of Congress of June 7, 1897, which declared that it was "the settled policy of the Government of any sectarian school."

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AMERICAN ICE COMPANY.

It Will Issue \$20,000,000 Commo Stock in Exchange for Old Holdings.

J. E. Borne, William L. Bull, G. R. Sheldon, Oaklaigh Thorne and Frederick L. Eldredge, members of the committee sioner, the Seator said that he had been formed some time ago to consider the

The plan is to form a new holding

'CATCH BANDIT' WITH THE COURT

Philip McIntyre, Under Arrest on Forgery Charge, Admits It, and Has Lively Tilt with Magistrate Pool.

CALLED HIM "OLD MAN," GOT HIMSELF DISLIKED

Quoted the Bible and Shakespeare, and Incidentally Accused the Police of Trying to win His Money.

Philip McIntyre, wanted in Mexico

charge of passing a worthless di for \$500 on the Bank of the

Mexico, was arraigned again Tombs Police Court to-day on a of swindling the Citizens' National Bank of Norfolk, Va. He pleaded guilty, much to the surprise of Magie trate Pool, to the Mexico charge When McIntyre was arraigned Magistrate Pool yesterday he not guilty to that charge, but nanded to a Federal officer and taken efore United States Co Shields, who discharged him on ground that there washing before from the Mexican authorities. tyre was immediately rearrested Detective-Sergt. Murphy and back to Police Headquarters on the Norfolk charge, Supl. Dougherty, the Pinkerton Detective Agency, senting the American Bankery ation, supplying the evidence, I dence formed the basis of the co before Magistrate Pool to-day.

McIntyre an Old Lawyer. McIntyre is a lawyer, accord certificate shown in court, years standing, and he was enough to convince Magistrate his rights. The first was that he entitled to counsel. He said: "When I was arrested last Be

I had \$2,370. That money was away from me. I have a

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Police Have Got It.

GETS IN SIX DAYS LATE.

Delayed by Heavy Weather

The Ultonia, of the Cunard line, we was six days overdue, arrived to-from Mediterranean ports, having Gibraltar on Jan. 15. The delay is caused by bad weather and continue per hour only being made. The Ultan brought 9 cabin passengers and 1.6 steerage.

A little girl in the standard on Wednesday last from drinking broady which the child found during by mother's absence. The shape same tried hard but failed to save her its.

M'ADOO BUYS HORSES.

Gets \$25,000 from Board of E mate and Purchases 75 An Police Commissioner McAdoo and ed to-day that the Board of E of seventy-five horses and their erment. As soon as he received word the money had been allowed the missioner signed a pontract for animals.

"Reserve Force" that's the word for

GRAPE-NUTS FOOD: